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METHOD FOR WELDING TUBES AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD
the specification of which

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x was filed on 19 August 1999 (19.08.99)

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and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

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